[13th August 1954

Passing of audit reports of the Producerscum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar.

* 1368 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the general body of Kondotty Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar, has not met and passed accounts from its inception; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The general body of the Kondotty Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, South Malabar, met thrice and passed the audit reports for the years 1946–47 and 1947–48. The general body could not meet and pass audit reports for subsequent years on account of the breakdown in the administration of the Society due to local faction. An attempt was made to reconstitute the Board of Directors by holding a fresh election by ballot. But the election could not be held as three members of the society whose nominations were rejected by the Returning Officer filed a suit in District Munsif's Court, Manjeri, and the District Munsif issued an injunction restraining the Returning Officer from holding the election and appointed a Receiver for the Society. Another three members have filed a writ petition in the High Court for a direction to hold the election. Both the cases are still pending."

11 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that the circumstances that existed when these Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Societies were formed have changed after decontrol and that they are now facing fresh problems on account of the shortage in offtake, will the Government institute an inquiry into their present condition and take steps to reorganize them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is a separate question. The matter is being considered."

SRI A. APPU :—" May I know why this society was not superseded in view of the fact there was a lot of faction there and there were also reports of misappropriation of funds of the society while several other societies of a similar nature were superseded by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

Construction of a bridge across the Upparahalla at mile 1/1 of Golithattu-Kokkada road, South Kanara.

* 1369 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a bridge across the Upperahalla river on the Golithattu-Kokkada road, South Kanara, has been included in the Five-Year Plan;

13th August 1954]

(*b*) whether the bridgework has been sanctioned by the Government;

(*c*) whether the South Kanara District Board has been applying for grant since 1947 for its construction;

(*d*) if so, whether the necessary grant has been sanctioned; and

(*e*) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The correct nomenclature of the work is construction of a bridge across the Upperahalla at mile 1/1 of Kochila-Kokkada road.

" (*b*) *to* (*e*) The execution of the bridgework by the South Kanara District Board was sanctioned by the Government under the Post-War Road Development Scheme in 1947–48 and the sanction was renewed during the years from 1948–49 to 1950–51. But the district board did not take it up for execution in those years as technical sanction to the estimate for the work could be obtained only in December 1950. In the subsequent years, the grant sanctioned for Post-War Road Development works has been limited to works in progress and hence the district board could not take up this work under the Grants-in-Aid Scheme."

Number of Harijans on the staff of the Police Department in Malabar district.

* 1370 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of Harijans at present in the categories of Police Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables and Constables in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The number of Harijans at present employed in the various categories in the Malabar district is as follows :—

Inspector of Police—1.

Sub-Inspectors—Nil.

Head constables—Nil.

Constables—10."

SRI M. CHADAYAN :—" പോലീസിൽ ഹരിജൻ മദ്ദനങ്ങളെപ്പററി ആവലാതിപ്പെട്ടാൽ അവലാതിപ്പെടുന്ന ഹരിജനങ്ങളുടെ പേരിൽതന്നെ കേസ്സു ചാർജ്ജ് ചെയ്യുകയാണ് പതിവെന്ന് ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു അറിയാമോ ? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (translation) :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that some Harijans have complained to the Police with regard to the repression and that the Police are charging those very people who have made complaints? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" That does not arise out of this question."